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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 27 Feb	5.30 pm	St George's	Tony McCandless RIP, 20th Anniv.
Sun 28 Feb	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Michael & Ann Scanlon RIP
	6.00pm	St George's	Michael Donovan RIP
Mon 01 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Holy Souls & recently dead of our parish
Tue 02 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Anne McCandless RIP, 19th Anniv.
Wed 03 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Thu 04 Mar	9.30 pm	St George's	Diana Katerina Dutton RIP
Fri 05 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	For John & Bessie Goodman in thanksgiving, 60th Wedding Anniv. (a 2nd Mass)
Sat 06 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	The Hamlet, Lilley & O'Neill Families
	5.30 pm	St George's	Nancy & John Walsh, Anniv. Mass
Sun 07 Mar	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Priest's own intention
	6.00 pm	St George's	For all our parish benefactors

CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY ONLY 10:15 - 10:45.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CAFOD FAMILY FAST

SAINTS THIS WEEK: Mon 1st March, St David, Patron of Wales.

On Friday, 5th March, it is Women's World Day of Prayer

PRAYER INTENTION, for all our diocesan clergy, priests and deacons who are not well and for those recently dead.

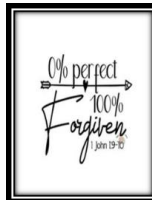
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 5TH MARCH: This year's service focuses on Vanuatu, a group of islands near eastern Australia. In the spirit the event being celebrated on the same day worldwide, participants read the service leaflet at home at 11 am on Friday 5th March. We have the leaflets that you can collect at Mass or available on our Website to download. We can also post to you just let us know.



Sycamore Lent Course: Fr Stephen Wang's Sycamore Lent Course is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs and think about the questions that really matter.

When and Where: This Wednesday 7 - 8.15pm on Zoom. Please contact stgeorges.holyspiritderby@gmail.com for the link or you can follow the course at home through the link on our Parish Website. <https://stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk/>

HOW IS LENT GOING FOR YOU? Fr Peter reflects on his so far.



By the time this newsletter comes out we shall be a quarter of the way through Lent! Have you got off to a good start? Enjoying Lent Extra or Walk With Me? Managing to give some extra time to prayer or reading your Bible? Persevering with those little personal disciplines you undertook? Not yet feeling too desperate for the alcohol, the cigarette, or chocolate or

whatever it was you decided to give up? Generally feeling you are making progress towards Holy Week and the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries?

Well, speaking for myself, No! It has not been at all like that! I would say it has been a complete disaster! I had such plans. A lovely book I had been given "To the Priests - Our Lady's Beloved Sons" 1,000 pages long! I knew I could only dip into it - but the print is so small, my eye-sight so poor, I am still struggling with the introduction. Then my special project was to follow the Bible Society's daily online presentation, The Lent Encounter. It was billed as a presentation by Andrew Ollerton on "The Bible - a story that makes sense of Life" and a few minutes of him on Ash Wednesday was enough to whet the appetite for more - but the next few days descended into rather trite stuff about Creation, from anonymous presenters... very disappointing. My discipline was to get to bed by 11 pm! But haven't quite managed that yet - I might be on the way but then my night prayers take a bit longer. I wish I could say that at least I have been full of charity and kindness to all - but I have been very upset and angry ... As I said, my Lent so far has been a dismal failure!

I am penitent - but not despairing. By grace we are saved through faith - "and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one can boast". (Ephesians 2:8-9). God's love for us does not depend on our being good; it is unconditional. Jesus came into the world - and went to the cross - to save sinners (and failures) - to save you ... and me. God bless us all as we pick ourselves up and try again to follow Him.

Fr Peter.

The readings for this second Sunday in Lent invite us to listen and to trust that God will lead us in ways that are life-giving.

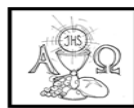


Our own desert experience has the intention of bringing us closer to God. It is about putting ourselves at risk, allowing that which is vulnerable in our lives to be tested, and risking those things that we hold dear, those aspects of our lives that we "know" we need, our popularity and self-esteem. But what it is not about is us, you and me, making those changes in our lifestyles, rather it is about having the trust to let God do that for us. Because the changes that we might

choose to make will always be cosmetic, probably not too inconvenient and from the familiar. God, on the other hand, knows exactly what we need to grow and redirects our day to day experience in ways that we could never imagine would make a difference.

That is the journey we need to make, into the unfamiliar. A journey of trust and hope. That, of course, can be hard. It is far too easy for us to feel distant from God, unworthy of that love. But truth is a stark reminder. Even Jesus had his doubts, but his encounter shone for all to see. Just a thought! We pray for the grace to listen and to trust more fully in Jesus this Lent so that we, too, may "walk in the presence of the Lord".
God Bless, Fr Alan

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS: The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended, so if you are unsure about coming along do not feel under any obligation to do so; and if you, or someone in your household, display symptoms of Covid19, then please do stay at home.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



We have had a number of enquiries regarding the Stations of the Cross. As we are still under lockdown restrictions, following careful consideration, reluctantly I have decided not to have public celebrations of the Stations but I encourage you to follow the Stations of the Cross at home or on line. A copy of the

Stations in a home setting can be found on our Parish website. Also they are available on YouTube. <https://stgeorges-holyspiritderby.org.uk/>



Easter Mass attendance: It was wonderful to see so many faces return to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. We expect to see good attendance over the Easter Triduum. With this in mind, **booking will be essential.** We shall have the facility to book on line and via telephone. Please do not book unless you are sure you will attend. Date for Booking line to be open TBC.